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Michigan Vegetable Report

Snap bean processors contracted 17,000 acres in Michigan for 2016, a 1,000 acre increase from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. The estimated production of processing snap beans under contract increased 9.8 percent from last year to 78,200 tons.

Tomato processors contracted 3,400 acres in Michigan for 2016, an increase of 200 acres from last year. Processing tomato production is forecast at 119,680 tons, up 26 percent from last year.

Michigan's asparagus production totaled 230,000 hundredweight (cwt) in 2016, up 1 percent from last year. The area harvest for fresh market and processing was 9,200 acres, up 300 acres from last year. Yield, at 25 cwt per acre, was down 1 cwt from last year. Total value of Michigan's asparagus production was \$20.0 million, up 1 percent from last year.

Nationally, The 2016 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 17.0 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. Production of processing tomatoes, at 13.3 million tons, is down 9 percent from last year. Snap bean production, at 748,280 tons, is up 1 percent from last year's production. Sweet corn production, at 2.56 million tons, is up 7 percent from last year. Green pea production, at 314,880 tons, is down 23 percent from the previous year. Contracted area for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 870,260 acres, is 6 percent below 2015.

Vegetable intentions, 2016

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Snap beans, processing, contracted for harvest	16,000	17,000	153,720	155,060
Tomatoes, processing, contracted for harvest	3,200	3,400	309,600	274,620
Asparagus, for harvest	8,900	9,200	23,500	23,000
Onions (summer storage), harvested ¹	2,400	NA	132,900	134,100

¹ Estimates were discontinued for Michigan in 2016.